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**SENATOR GREGG COSPONSORS MEASURE PROVIDING FREE CALLS  
TO AMERICAN TROOPS FIGHTING THE WAR ON TERROR**  
*Legislation supporting troops in Middle East, Afghanistan passes Senate by unanimous vote*

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today supported a measure which will make it easier for members of the United States Armed Services stationed abroad to keep in touch with family members, friends and loved ones. The U.S. Senate, by a unanimous vote, today passed the Troops Phone Home Free Act, which provides free telephone time, on a monthly allotment, to American troops supporting the war on terror in Iraq or Afghanistan. Senator Gregg was a cosponsor of the measure.

Senator Gregg stated, "It is never easy for the men and women of our armed forces to be asked to serve our country half-way around the world. It is also difficult on their families or loved ones who they leave behind. This measure will ensure that every man and woman who is serving in the defense of our nation in the Middle East, Afghanistan, or anywhere the Pentagon needs them to defeat terrorism, has the opportunity to keep in touch with their loved ones back home. I am pleased the Senate passed this measure today and I look forward to quick action by the President so we can get this initiative implemented as soon as possible."

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